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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/705,940; Filed: November 6, 2000
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **\$1,020.00** to cover the extension of time fee; and
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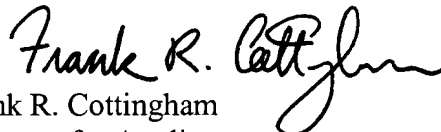
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